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SUBJECT: JOHN MEIER'S ACTIVITIES IN TONGA

1. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO SUVA A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF TONGA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE AND A FEW OTHERS IN GOT ARE BECOMING A BIT SUSPICIOUS AND ANNOYED WITH THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY JOHN MEIER, A FORMER HOWARD HUGHES AIDE AND PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERED IN NUKUALOFA. THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT MEIER HAS BEEN USING THE KING'S NAME TO PRESS GOT OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTIONS FAVORABLE TO HIS PLANS AND PROJECTS WHICH HE CLAIMS HAVE THE KING'S APPROVAL.

2. SOURCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AT A RECENT GOVERNMENT MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES MUSTERED ENOUGH COURAGE TO ARTICULATE HIS PERSONAL RESERVATIONS AND MISGIVINGS ABOUT JOHN MEIER. HE WAS PLEASED TO FIND OUT THAT HE WAS NOT ALONE IN HOLDING THIS VIEW ABOUT THE AMERICAN BANKER AND THAT OTHERS AT THE MEETING SPOKE UP TO EXPRESS THE SAME RESERVATIONS. SOME BUREAUCRATS HOWEVER TOOK A CONVENTIONAL LINE BY POINTING TO THE MEIER CLAIM THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE KING AND THEREFORE THEY AS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE HIS WORD AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

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3. COMMENT: SOURCE SEEMED GENERALLY DISTURBED BY MEIER'S PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN TONGA AND FROM ALL INDICATIONS HE HAS ENOUGH COURAGE AS TO CONTINUE TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT HIM DESPITE THE KING'S APPARENT SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN BANKER. SOURCE SEEMED TO BE AWARE ALSO OF MEIER'S PROBLEMS WITH AMERICAN JUSTICE AND ESPECIALLY OF HIS REPORTED INDICTMENT BY

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